

IX. (XXIX.)

Deities as before : the *f**u*7*ii* is KAS.YAPA, the son of
 MABicur, x>r
 MAIOT^ the son of YIVASWA.T ; the metre is
Dvtipadd, Virdj-

1 . One (*Soma*) brown of hue,¹ all-
 pervading, leader
 of the nights,² eyer young,, decbrates
 (himself) with
 golden ornaments.

2. One (AGKNI) intelligent^ Resplendent
 among the
 gods, is seated in his place (the altar).

3. One (*Twajitri*) immoveably stationed
 among
 the gods, holds his iron axe in his hand.

4. One (ISTDBA) holds his thunderbolt
 melded in
 his hand, by which he slays the VEITBAS.

5. One (RTOBA) brilliant and fierce, (yet)
 the dis-
 tributor of healing medicines, holds his
 sharp weapon
 in his hand.

6. One (PtfsHAN) watches the roads* lite
 a robber,
 and is cognizant of hidden treasures.

7. One (YISHNU) wide-stepping, has
 traversed tie
 three worlds where the gods rejoice.

8. Two (the ASWINS) travel with swift
 (horses)
 along with one (bride Stori), like
 travellers to

•foreign countries.

9. Two of like beauty and of royal rank
 (MrrBA
 and YAMUNA), worshipped with oblations of
 clarified
 butter, have taken their seat kt heaven.

¹ *Babhru* applies properly to the *Soma*
 plant, but the other
 epithets indicate *Soma*, the moon.
² *S&nara*, which is explained *susfyhu*
rdtrindm nttd.

understands the road to heaven
or hell.

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